

What opportunities exist for training and career advancement?

All new wildlife inspectors complete a four-week "basic training" program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia, and receive on-the-job instruction and guidance. Annual "in service" training programs give seasoned inspectors a chance to enhance job skills and review regulatory and procedural changes.

Career ladders for wildlife inspectors in the field vary depending on the individual's duty station and responsibilities. Supervisory positions are available at some ports. Law enforcement headquarters staff include senior wildlife inspectors who advise Service management on wildlife inspection policies and issues. Inspectors have opportunities to work on special enforcement task forces and complete short-term assignments in the headquarters office.

What benefits do inspectors earn?

Wildlife inspectors enjoy all the benefits of Federal employment, including a generous retirement plan with substantial investment opportunities. Inspectors earn 13 to 26 days of annual leave each year depending on how long they have been employed. Benefits also include 13 days of paid sick leave per year; basic life insurance and low-cost options for additional coverage; a free yearly physical examination; and opportunities to participate in a variety of reasonably priced health insurance plans.

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